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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether there was any dress regulation and whether any particular dress was prohibited when the Hon. Minister was in the Medical College (An hon. Member. He was not in the medical college) or in the Presidency College wherein there is co-education?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In the early days when I was at school, there were strict regulations regarding dress. No one would be admitted without a cap. Afterwards, no cap was necessary. No coat was necessary. Anything would do.

Maintenance grant for aided elementary schools

* 112 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided elementary schools in the Mannargudi taluk of Tanjore district that received full 15 per cent maintenance grant for the year 1954; and

(*b*) the reasons for which cuts were imposed on maintenance grants in respect of the other aided elementary schools in the taluk?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Five.

(*b*) The percentage of maintenance grant was fixed with reference to rule 7 of the rules for aid and with reference to the particulars in the annual inspection report on the School concerned for the year 1954. Payment of maintenance grant in the case of fee levying schools was restricted to the actual deficit.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I know whether there are any uniform rules followed by the departmental officers with regard to cut in the maintenance grant?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, according to rules, it is being done. That is why I said that it was fixed with reference to the rule.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that maintenance grant is cut on account of the inefficiency of certain teachers as judged by the departmental officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : If the Government get such reports, will they kindly look into the matter and see that the maintenance grant is not cut simply because the Inspecting Officer thinks that certain teachers are inefficient?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do agree that the maintenance grant should not normally be cut. I shall look into the matter.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : The maintenance grant is given just to see that the school is housed in a proper building with proper environments and so on, and it has nothing to do with the efficiency or inefficiency of the teacher.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : When a school is given maintenance grant, it is expected to maintain its efficiency. If the teacher is not efficient, we cannot say that the school is efficient. Therefore, if there are inefficient teachers, we have to consider the question whether any grant, teaching or administrative, should be given to that school.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : In view of the fact that managements get only 15 per cent of the assessed grant, will the Hon. Minister kindly see that the maintenance grant which is given for the proper maintenance of the building and other sanitary environments is not cut on account of the inefficiency of the teacher?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The whole question of grant-in-aid is under consideration. If the hon. Member has got any useful suggestion to make, he may write to the department.

Abolition of cycle tax

* 113 *Q*.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have given permission to the Corporation of Madras to abolish the cycle tax in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether the Government have received proposals from other Municipal Councils for similar permission; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Yes. The Ambur Municipal Council applied for sanction for the abolition of the cycle tax. A few other municipal councils applied for reduction of the rate of the tax.

(*c*) A statement [a] showing the action taken by Government on the proposals received from the municipal council is placed on the table of the House.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : ஆம்பூர் நகராட்சியில் இந்த வரியை நீக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் அனுமதி தேவையில்லை என்று குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அந்த மாதிரியான விதி பொதுவாக இருக்கிறதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI : பொதுவாக நகரசபைக்கு அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் கடன் பாக்கி எதுவும் இல்லாமலிருந்தால், அதுவே இவ்விஷயத்தைத் தீர்மானித்து அமல் நடத்தலாம் என்று முன்பே அரசாங்கத்தின் உத்திரவு இருக்கிறது. அதனால் சர்க்கார் அனுமதி தேவையில்லை.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 133 supra.